[श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे]

इस मामले को अपना प्रेस्टिज इश्यू मत बनाइए। यह मत कहें कि यहां से सब आफिस जाएगा, नहीं जाएगा क्योंकि प्रेस्टिज इश्यु बनाकर यह मामला हल नहीं होगा। इस मामले को आप जल्दी से हल करें, यही मेरी आपसे रिक्वैस्ट है।

दूसरी बात मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि यहां से जो बातें कही जा रही हैं कि लोक अदालतों का प्रयोग नहीं हो रहा है, वह भी मैं चाहता हूं कि लोक अदालतों का ज्यादा से ज्यादा प्रयोग हो जिसकी वजह से हमारे जो दिन प्रति दिन के केसेज जो फाइल होते जा रहे हैं, बढ़ते जा रहे है वह कम होंगे और लोगों को, लिटिगेंट्स को भी फायदा होगा। इन दोनों बातों पर ध्यान दें और ऐडवोकेट्स को अपील करें और उनकी यूनियनों को साथ में बैठाकर कोई न कोई रास्ता निकालकर लोगों को जो तकलीफ हो रही है उसको दूर करने के लिए सरकार को आगे आना चाहिए। यही मेरा आपसे कहना है।

SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY: Sir, I join the hon. Member on the two points raised. We do not stand on prestige. The Lawyers' Associations of both the High Court and the District Court, Tis Hazari, met me a number of times. Without asking for appointments they came, and I patiently heard them. I told them. "There is no difference broadly. So, they should not go on strike."

I appeal to them to give up the strike and to go back to court. I am prepared to speak to them even today, tomorrow, at any other time, and I am prepared to solve it. Actually, there are not many differences. It is only the prestige of both the Asociations that is responsible for this. I am open, my house is open, my gates are open. Any time they can come and talk to me.

On the other point which he raised, I entirely agree with him. The Lok Adalats are functioning very well in this country, and they have to be strengthened and expanded. Some of the States have taken advantage of them. Litigations involving crores of rupees have been resolved there. I appeal to all the other States also to use this facility, to use the Lok Adalats. As far as the Government is concerned, we are prepared to co-operate with them.

I hope the hon. Member will be satisfied with this.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. NAGEN SAIKIA): Now, the question is:

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.

THE PUNJAB APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL 1991

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. NAGEN SAIKIA): Now we take up the Punjab Appropriation (So. 2) Bill, 1991. Let the Minister move it. The speakers will participate tomorrow.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to authorise payment and 'appropriation of certain sums' from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the services of the financial year 1991-92, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

As the hon. Members are aware, the Budget of the State of Punjab for 1991-92 was presented to Parliament on the 26th of August, 1991 and a 'Vote-on-Account' to meet the requirements of the State Government for the first nine months ending December, 1991 was obtained, and the Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) No. 2 Act, 1991 was passed in September, 1991. The Lok Sabha

has granted the balance of the Demands for Grants and has passed the connected Appropriation Bill which is now before this House to meet the total estimated expenditure during the current year, the Bill provides for the payment and appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of Punjab a total sum of Rs. 7209.51 crores, comprising Rs. 5585.01 crores voted by the Lok Sabha and Rs. 1624.50 crores charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State, and is inclusive of the sum earlier authorised for withdrawal under the Punjab Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) No. 2 Act, 1991.

Sir, in September, 1991, while discussing the Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) No. 2 Bill, this House had a general discussion on the Punjab Budget for 1991-92. I do not, therefore, wish to take the time of the House by again dwelling on the various provisions in the Budget. I shall, however, endeavour to deal with the points that may be raised by the hon. Members, in my reply to the discussions.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. NAGEN SAIKIA): The debate will take place tomorrow. Now, the House stands adjourned till 11 A.M. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at seven minutes past six of the clock till eleven of the clock on Wednesday, the 4th December, 1991.

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